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Phoenix Man Accused of Using Pro Football Star's Credit

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Jan. 12, 2006) A West Phoenix man was arrested today on suspicion of using Green Bay Packers' quarterback Brett Favre's credit card account more than 40 times in Maricopa County.

William J. Joachim, 35, was arrested on four felony charges of theft, fraud schemes, aggravated taking the identity of another and misconduct involving weapons. Two other men, Freddy Lopez Sanchez, 32, and Ignacio Bobadilla Gomez, 29, were also arrested in the case and booked into the county jail on forgery charges.

Last month, the Attorney General's Office received information from the National Football League indicating that Favre's credit card account had been compromised and more than 40 unauthorized transactions had been completed in Maricopa County, totaling over \$10,000.

An investigation determined that Favre's card was likely compromised as a part of a larger ID theft scheme run by Joachim and Sanchez which has dozens of victims. The Attorney General's Special Investigation Section agents identified Joachim as a suspect and secured a search warrant for his West Phoenix home. They were assisted in the search by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and the Phoenix Police Department.

Special Agent John Walsh was the lead agent on this case. The Attorney General's Office will file a criminal complaint against the three defendants in Maricopa County Superior Court.

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